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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION FROM LUBUMBASHI TO KINSHASA 12 JUNE  
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1. ICRC REP FREDERICK STEINEMANN VISITED CONSULATE ON JUNE 12. HE SAID HE HAD MET PREVIOUS WEEK WITH EMBASSY AND AID OFFICIALS IN KINSHASA, BUT AT THE TIME HAD NOT YET PREPARED LIST OF NEEDS FOR KOLWEZI RELIEF EFFORTS. HE SAID EMBASSY HAD ASKED THAT INFORMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO IT THROUGH CONSULATE WHEN AVAILABLE. STEINEMANN HAS WORKED OUT TWO RELIEF PROGRAMS, ONE FOR 10-DAYS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDIEST OF KOLWEZI. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF REPORT HE SENT TO GENEVA AT END OF LAST WEEK, SUPPLEMENTED BY HIS COMMENTS ON SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS.

2. RED CROSS ESTIMATES THAT EXCLUDING GCM EMPLOYEES AND THOSE KOLWEZI RESIDENTS WHO HAD FLED, THERE ARE ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE WHOM PROGRAM SHOULD SUPPORT FOR 10-DAY BASIC RELIEF PROGRAM, QUANTITIES OF FOOD STUFFS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) MAIZE FLOUR: ALLOWING 300 GRAMS AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION PROGRAM NEEDS 180 NT OF FLOUR OR 3,000 SIXTY KILO SAKCS. ICRC IS CHECKING WITH BOTH ZAMBIAN AND ZAIRIANS (GECAMINES RUNS FLOUR MILLS) FOR EXPEDITIOUS MAIZE FLOUR PURCHASES WHICH WOULD BE BROUGHT WITH ICRC FUNDS AND TRANSPORTED BY RAIL TO KOLWEZI. THIS SUM WOULD SUPPLEMENT 120 MT DONATED  
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BY GCM, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED DURING FIRST SAYD OS RELIEF EFFORT.

(B) BEANS: ALLOWING 120 GRAMS PER PERSON PER DAY, PROGRAM REQUIRED 72 TONS OF BEANS. ICRC IREP HAS ALREADY CONTACTED SOURCE IN COMA AND IS INQUIRING WHETHER ITALIANS WOULD BE WILLING TO USE THEIR C-130 FOR TRANSPORT.

(C) SARDINES: ALLOWING 20 GRAMS PER PERSON PAR DAY, PROGRAM NEEDS 42 TONS OF SARDINES. NO SURCE HAS BEEN FOUND YET, BUT ICRC WILL PROBABLY TRY TO BUY SOUTH AFRICAN SARDINES THROUGH RED CROSS OFFICE IN GABERONES.

(D) POWDERED MILK: ALLOWING 70 GRAMS PER DAY PER CHILD, (EST 12,004& ) PROGRAM NEEDS 8,400 KILOS OF POWDERED MILK. BECAUSE OF LOCAL COSTS OF MILK PRODUCTS ICRC HOPES THIS WILL BE BROUGHT BY PLANE FROM EUROPE.

3. SIX WEEKS PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE CONTINUING ASSISTANCE

AFTER TEN DAY PERIOD OF WIDOWS. ORPHAS CRIPPLED  
DISABLED AND OTHER WAR VICTIMS. HOPEFULLY SOME  
OF FOOD FROM 10 DAY PROGRAM WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR  
SECOND PROGRAM. ICRC ESTIMATES THAT 6,000-7,000  
PEOPLE MIGHT PARTICIPATE BUT HAS BASED CALCULATIONS  
ON 6,000 FIGURE.

(A) POWDERED MILK: PROGRAM WILL NEED 17,640  
KILOS. AGAIN EUROPEAN SOURCE IF PREFERRED  
(B) RICE: 37,800 KILOS. POSSIBLE TO BE PURCHASED  
IN KINDA AREA OF KIVU.  
(C) SUGAR: 10 MT POSSIBLY TO BE PURCHASED  
IN NAIROBI. ORGRA AIR SERVICE (ORAS) HAS OFFERED  
TO TRANSPORT, BUT PAYMENT REMAINS A QUESTION.  
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PERHAPS GERMAN GOVERNMENT. ALSO ICRC WILL BE  
ASKING THE ITALISN IF THEIR C-130 CAN HANDLE.  
(D) SALKT: 3.5 MT SAME ARRANGES AS FOR SUGAR  
(E) COOKING OIL: 6,000 LITERS. SAME ARRANGEMENTS  
AS FOR SUGAR  
(F) NON-CONSUALES: 3,000 KILOS OF SOAP, TROUSERS  
AND HISRTS FOR 3,000 CHILDREN, 3,000 METERS OF COTTON  
CLOTH AND 5,000 BLANKETS.  
(G) MEDICAL SUPPLIES: TWO CLINICS NOW OPERATING  
ICRC WOULD LIKE TO START TWO OTHERS. STEINEMANN  
SAID HE WAS UNSURE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES NEEDED,  
BUT ASKED ICRC GENEVA TO SUPPLY STANDARD UNIT G FOR  
SIX WEEK PERIOD BASED ON EXPERIENCE IN LEBANON. ALSO  
RUCRC IS LOOKING FOR CERTAIN QUANTITY OF MEDICINE FOR  
GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL WHERE WAR WOUNDED ARE STILL  
ARRIVING.

4. MESSAGE SAID THAT LOCAL PURCHASES PREFERABLE WHEN  
EVERN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF DISTANCE AND TRANSPORTATION  
COSTS. SOME ITEMS, HOWEVER WERE TOO HIGH LOCALLY  
STEINEMANN NOTED THAT IN LUBUMBASHI ONE POOR QUALITY  
BLANKET COSTS \$9.00 ONE KILO SUGAR AS MUCH AS \$15.00  
AND 2-1/2 KILOS OF POWDERED MILK UP TO \$37.50. HE  
RECOMMENDED THAT ALL MORE VALUABLE GOODS SHOULD COME  
FROM OUTSIDE AFRICA AREA, SPECIFICALLY BLANKETS MEDI  
CINES CLOTHING AND POWDERED MILK.

6. STEINEMAN WAS NOT SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT HE WANTED  
US TO PROVIDE. HE SAID THAT ICRC MIGHT CHARTER A  
PLANE OR ASK US AIR SUPPORT TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES FROM  
LONGER DISTANCES. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD NO MEANS  
YET TO BRING SARDINES FROM BOTSWANA, IF THAT IS A SOURCE  
OF PURCHASE. HE WONDERED IF US AIR FORCE MISSIONS  
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MOUNTING TROOPS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO AID RED CROSS  
PROGRAMS.

6. CONSULATE IS UNCERTAIN WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT SESSIONS  
WITH ICRC IN KINSHASA AND WHAT US MIGHT BE  
PREPARED TO DO. I HAVE OFFERED USE OF CONSULATE COMMUNICATIONS  
FACILITIES TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES IF TELEPHONE  
CONNECTIONS ARE NOT WORKING. WOULD APPRECIATE  
GUIDANCE ON OTHER ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE  
(ESPECIALLY IN TRANSPORTATION ARE) PROPER STEPS  
FOR ICRC TO TAKE SECURE SUCH ASSISTANCE AND  
FURTHER ACTION DESIRED OF CONSULATE. BORG

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